

## Commerical Certification Pesticide Applicator Information Sheet

The Tennessee law requires certification for anyone applying, buying or selling a restricted-use pesticide or must work directly under the supervision of a certified applicator. It also requires commercial certification for all solicitors and technicians working for pest control companies. The application of pesticides for a fee requires licensing and a pest control charter.

### Commerical Certification:

Certification testing varies by location and time. Contact PSI at 800-733-9267 or [www.psiexams.com](http://www.psiexams.com) for the testing schedule and locations. The fee for each exam is \$25.00.

Study materials are available from the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service for a fee. It is strongly recommended that you study this material thoroughly prior to taking the exam. More information is available on the UT, Dept. of Entomology & Plant Pathology web page located at <http://psep.utk.edu>

TDA will reciprocate certification with other states, when possible. Obtain a reciprocity form from the internet and complete according to the instructions. Applicants will not receive reciprocal certification unless a current home address and social security number are provided. This form can be downloaded at <http://tn.gov/agriculture/> click on **Downloadable forms**. There is no fee for reciprocity.

It is your responsibility to maintain your Tennessee certification by accumulating recertification CEU's. Recertification CEU's are assigned per category. The CEU's are pre-assigned by the following agencies:

**Industry Training:** Certification & Licensing Section, Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Porter Building, PO Box 40627, Nashville, TN 37204, phone number (615) 837-5404, e-mail: [phil.hurst@tn.gov](mailto:phil.hurst@tn.gov) or [richard.strickland@tn.gov](mailto:richard.strickland@tn.gov) at (615) 837-5523.

**Educational Institutions:** Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) , University of Tennessee, 2431 Joe Johnson Dr, 205 PSB, Knoxville, TN 37996-4560, phone number (865) 974-7958 email: [dhensley@utk.edu](mailto:dhensley@utk.edu)

The primary purpose of continuing education is to further enhance the skills of applicators and routinely update your knowledge as new information and technologies become available.

Individuals may check their point status on the TDA website. You may login with your ID number, or last name. The address is <https://agriculture.tn.gov/default.asp> and click on Commercial Applicator Points.

### Additional Requirements for Commercial Recertification:

Individuals may accrue all of their CEU's by attending external meetings in their category of certification. You may earn no more than 75% of your point total by attending any one external meeting. **All CEU's cannot be accrued in one year.**

In-house CEU's will be limited to 50% of your total point requirement during the recertification period. All training must be submitted to the office no later than **30 days prior** to the date of the training session. Those approving certification training reserve the right not to grant CEU's for training submitted late. An announcement of the training date, time, place and CEU's assigned per category will be placed on the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's and the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service, Dept. of Entomology & Plant Pathology web sites located at <http://tn.gov/agriculture> and <http://psep.utk.edu> Rosters must be submitted into TDA no later than **30 days** after training.

The following qualifies as in-house training: Internet training (including, but not limited to) computer-based training and training that is covered by employees of the company applying for the CEU's.

The sponsor must agree to permit representatives from the Department of Agriculture and/or UT employees to attend training sessions without registration fees or costs.

After attending a training session The Tennessee Department of Agriculture or the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service, upon consultation between these two agencies, training and CEU assignment may be re-evaluated. CEU assignment may be withdrawn or revised as deemed necessary.

**CEU's are not carried over from one recertification period to the next.**

#### **Assignment of CEU's:**

Recertification CEU's will be allowed only for approved topics in your category related to pests, pest control, WPS, pesticides, pesticide safety, IPM, environmental issues (water quality, endangered species, etc.) pesticide laws and regulations. Safety, environmental issues, and laws, IPM and regulations apply to all categories for assignment of CEU's. CEU's will not be assigned to individual videos.

Programs submitted should include the following information. A list of topics, speakers (with their titles) and length of each topic to be presented. Sponsors shall provide biographical information on instructors or other program participants upon request. An application form, E&PP info #82, should be used, when the meeting sponsor applies for CEU's. A list of dates and locations for the year must be included on the application for repeated meetings.

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#### **Note:**

If the required number of CEU's are not accrued , a recertification exam will be required the third year.

It is your responsibility to contact the Nashville office if you have a name or address change.

## CEU'S REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN CERTIFICATION

**CEU's may not be accrued prior to obtaining certification.** All certifications will expire on June 30, 2020 if the required number of CEU's is not accrued. **All CEU's cannot be accrued in one certification year (Ending June 30<sup>th</sup> each year). You must attend two meetings.**

Categories	Certified prior to Jan 1st, 2018 & before June 30, 2018	Certified on or after July 1st, 2018 & before June 30, 2019	Certified on or after July 1st, 2019 & before June 30, 2020	Certified on or after July 1, 2020.
C 1	18 ceu's	12 ceu's	6 ceu's	Rollover to 2023
C 2	12 ceu's	8 ceu's	4 ceu's	Rollover to 2023
C 3 or LHA*	18 ceu's	12 ceu's	6 ceu's	Rollover to 2023
C 4	12 ceu's	8 ceu's	4 ceu's	Rollover to 2023
C 5	12 ceu's	8 ceu's	4 ceu's	Rollover to 2023
C 6	18 ceu's	12 ceu's	6 ceu's	Rollover to 2023
C 7	30 ceu's	20 ceu's	10 ceu's	Rollover to 2023
C 8	18 ceu's	12 ceu's	6 ceu's	Rollover to 2023
C10	18 ceu's	12 ceu's	6 ceu's	Rollover to 2023
C11	9 ceu's	6 ceu's	3 ceu's	Rollover to 2023
C12	18 ceu's	12 ceu's	6 ceu's	Rollover to 2023
C13	9 ceu's	6 ceu's	3 ceu's	Rollover to 2023
C14	9 ceu's	6 ceu's	3 ceu's	Rollover to 2023
C16	9 ceu's	6 ceu's	3 ceu's	Rollover to 2023

**Example:** If you were certified on December 31, 2017 in category 7 and category 8, you will need 30 CEU's in cat.7 and 18 CEU's in cat. 8 by June 30, 2020.

**All CEU's cannot be accrued in one certification year unless you became certified within the 3<sup>rd</sup> year and must attend two meetings.**

**Examples:** If you become certified on February 15, 2018 in category 6 you will need 18 CEU's by June 30, 2020. If you become certified on July 14, 2018 in category 3 you will need 12 CEU's by June 30, 2020.

**Examples:** If you become certified on April 18, 2019 in category 7 you will need 20 CEU's by June 30, 2020. If you become certified on July 25, 2020, you are certified through June 30, 2023 and would begin accruing CEU's on January 1, 2021.

### NOTE:

Individuals certified on or after July 1, 2020 you will be certified through June 30, 2023 and will begin accruing CEU's on January 1, 2021

**You cannot earn more than 75% of your total point requirement at any one school. No more than 50% of the total required number of CEU's can be 'In-House' CEU's.**

**\*LHA - Limited Herbicide Applicator**